

I support media diversity

I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry. I do not want to be forced to see only Fox TV news as I am not a regular cable user and Fox News presentations and views are narrow and not representative of our local, state or national population. In Cincinnati, we already have a dominant, very conservative newspaper, the Enquirer, and under the proposed relaxation of rules it will likely be the only one, also owning local TV channels.

I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate the negative affects media deregulation and consolidation have had on media diversity. While there may be indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented have become more limited.

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised.

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding.

The FCC should be required to hold several additional hearings across the nation to solicit the widest possible participation from the public on their proposed changes. I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

Sincerely,

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